

Pending nominations Nos. 1154-59, and new nominations Nos. 1160-66, were read.

Dr. D. G. Brinton offered the following resolution: "That after action on the candidates now proposed for membership, the resident members shall be limited to 150 persons."

Dr. Frazer offered as an amendment: "That a Committee of scrutineers be elected as a permanent committee of the Society, of which the duty shall be to examine the qualifications of all candidates for membership and report upon the same to the Society, and no vote shall be taken on candidates by the Society, until the presentation of a report on their qualifications by the scrutineers."

At the suggestion of the President, the motions were withdrawn, and Dr. Brinton offered the following substitute, which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved that the President be authorized to appoint at his leisure a committee of five members to consider these resolutions and the whole subject of the restriction of membership in the Society, and to report its action to the Society.*"

Prof. Barker stated that he had received from Prof. G. A. Hirn, of Colmar, a letter accepting membership in the Society, and thanking it for the honor conferred.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

Stated Meeting, April 15, 1887.

Present, 15 members.

MR. THOMAS H. DUDLEY in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows: A circular from the Académie des Sciences, Arts et Belles-Lettres, Dijon, announcing the awarding of prizes.

Envoys from the Physikalische Central Observatorium, St. Petersburg; K. Preuss. Geologische Landesanstalt u. Berga-

*On April 4, the President appointed Dr. D. G. Brinton, Chairman; Dr. Frazer, Dr. Wm. Thomson, Dr. Goodwin and Mr. Ingham as the committee.

cademie (Berlin), and requesting exchanges;* R. Geographical Society, London; Col. Garrick Mallery, Washington, D. C.

Acknowledgments from the Comité Géologique, St. Petersburg (122); Anthropologische Gesellschaft, Berlin (96-124); Verein für Thüringische Geschichte und Alterthumskunde, Jena (96-110, 112-124); Fondation de P. Teyler Harlem (124); Bataafsch Genootschap van Proefondervindelijke Wijsbegeerte, Rotterdam (124); Société R. des Sciences, Liège (124), and asks for (100);† Société D' Emulation d' Abbeville (124); Société Historique Artistique et Scientifique, du Cher (119); Cambridge Philosophical Society and University Library, Cambridge, England (124); Royal Institution, Society of Antiquaries and Sir Richard Owen, Royal Horticultural Society, London (124).

Accessions to the Library were received from the Geological Survey of India, Calcutta; Société Impériale des Naturalistes, Moscow; Natural History Society, Odessa; Comité Géologique, Physikalische Central Observatorium, St. Petersburg; R. Friedlander and Sohn, Berlin; Astronomische Nachrichten, Kiel; Zoologischer Anzeiger, Leipzig; Dr. F. v. Sandberger, Würzburg; Académie R. de Belgique, Bruxelles; R. Società Italiana D'Igiene, Milan; Biblioteca, N. C. V. E., Rome; R. Academia de la Historia, Madrid; Royal Society, R. Geographical Society, R. Meteorological Society, Meteorological Council, "Nature," London; Rousdon Observatory, Devon; Philosophical Society, Cambridge (England); Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge; Free Public Library, New Bedford; Providence Public Library; publishers of the "Travelers' Record," Hartford; American Journal of Science, New Haven; Brooklyn Entomological Society, American Chemical Society, Meteorological Observatory, New York; Historical Society of Pennsylvania, College of Pharmacy, publishers of "The American Naturalist" and "Naturalists' Leisure Hour," Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Hydrographic Office, Garrick Mallery, Washington, D. C.

* Ordered to receive from 96.

† Ordered to be sent.

Elliott Society and Art, Charleston; Wm. Harden, Savannah; Cincinnati Society of Natural History.

A paper for the Transactions by Joseph L. Hancock, of Chicago, on the *Datames Magna*, was presented and referred to a committee to be appointed by the President.

The following communications were offered (through the Secretaries) for the Proceedings: "On the medical mythology of Ireland," by Mr. James Mooney, Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D.C.; "On the relation of Aerolites to Shooting Stars," by Prof. Daniel Kirkwood, Bloomington, Indiana; "On the Triassic mammals *Dromatherium* and *Microconodon*," by Prof. H. Osborn, Princeton, N. J.

Prof. Cope made a communication "On the Vertebrata of the Trias of New Mexico," which he illustrated by specimens.

Pending nominations Nos. 1154-1166, and new nominations Nos. 1167, 1168, were read.

The Trustees of Building Fund presented their annual report.

A communication was presented from Dr. Brinton, Chairman of the Special Committee, appointed at the last meeting, reporting progress, and on motion the committee was continued.

And the Society was adjourned by the presiding member.

Stated Meeting, May 6th, 1887.

Present, 13 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Correspondence was submitted as follows: Letters of envoy from Department of Mines, Wellington, New Zealand; Hong Kong Observatory; Institut Météorologique de Roumanie, Bucharest; Maatschappij der Nederlandse Letterkunde te Leiden; Bureau des Longitudes, Paris; Meteorological Office, London; Literary and Philosophical Society of Liverpool.

Letters of acknowledgment from The Royal Society of New South Wales (122); Comité Géologique de la Russie, St. Petersburg (124); Prof. Serge Nikitin, St. Petersburg (124);